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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated 12/31/02, for which a response is now due, the period of time having been extended under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please consider the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Abstract:

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Abstract

The present invention relates to a method for releasing a ligand from a complex of the ligand with an endogenous protein using a releasing agent.

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